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(57) Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To shift the display device into a power conservation standby state by judging a time when a user is absent properly.

**SOLUTION:** When a user is apart from the display device, the detection voltage of a sensor 30 is lowered and the output of a comparator 110 becomes an L level. A holding circuit 130 maintains the output of the comparator 110 to output it as a hold voltage and when the state of the L level of the comparator 110 is continued, the hold voltage is gradually lowered. Then, when the state of the L level of the comparator 110 is continued for a time equal to or longer than a fixed time, since the hold voltage becomes smaller than a decision voltage, the output of a decision device 140 is inverted to an L level. Thus, a controller part 160 judges that the need for shifting the device into a power-OFF mode is generated and the part 160 changes over the display device to the power-OFF mode by using a display control part 170.

